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SUBJECT: PROPOSED JOINT STATEMENT

1. WE ARE NOT AWARE THAT ISRAELIS HAVE MADE ANY SPECIFIC PROPOSAL ON A STATEMENT TO BE ISSUED AT THE END OF PRESIDENT NIXON'S VISIT, AND WE DO NOT WANT TO PRESS FOR ONE, NOR FOR ANY PARTICULAR FORM. YOU MAY EXPLAIN THAT PUBLIC STATEMENTS ON THIS TRIP WILL BE DIFFERENT AT EACH STOP, GROWING OUT OF CIRCUMSTANCES OF EACH RELATIONSHIP AND POINTS TO BE ANNOUNCED WHERE THAT REQUIRED. IN THE CASE OF ISRAEL, IT OCCURS TO US THAT MOST APPROPRIATE MIGHT BE JOINT STATEMENT HIGHLIGHTING HISTORIC NATURE OF VISIT AND CLOSE FRIENDSHIP. HOWEVER, WE HAVE NO PRECONCEIVED NOTIONS AND WILL WANT TO HEAR ISRAELI VIEWS. PLEASE RAISE QUESTION WITH ISRAELIS, GIVE THEM TEXT BELOW AS BASIS OF DISCUSSION, AND ASK THEIR VIEWS.

2. "JOINT STATEMENT  
ON THE OCCASION OF THE VISIT  
OF PRESIDENT RICHARD NIXON  
TO ISRAEL

"RICHARD NIXON, PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES, PAID AN  
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HISTORIC VISIT TO ISRAEL JUNE 16-17, 1974, SYMBOLIZING THE

CLOSE RELATIONSHIP WHICH HAS LONG EXISTED BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES AND ISRAEL.

"DURING THIS VISIT, PRESIDENT NIXON HAD EXTENDED AND CORDIAL TALKS WITH PRIME MINISTER YITZHAK RABIN AND OTHER ISRAELI LEADERS. THEY REVIEWED THE EXCELLENT RELATIONS BETWEEN ISRAEL AND THE UNITED STATES AND DISCUSSED IN A SPIRIT OF MUTUAL UNDERSTANDING THE STATUS OF EFFORTS TO ACHIEVE A JUST AND DURABLE PEACE IN THE MIDDLE EAST. UNITED STATES SECRETARY OF STATE HENRY A. KISSINGER AND OF ISRAEL PARTICIPATED IN THESE TALKS.

"THE PRESIDENT AND THE PRIME MINISTER EXPRESSED THEIR GREAT PLEASURE IN THE VERY CLOSE COOPERATION WHICH CHARACTERIZES THE WARM RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THEIR TWO COUNTRIES. THEY AGREED TO DO EVERYTHING POSSIBLE TO BROADEN AND DEEPEN THAT RELATIONSHIP TO SERVE THE INTERESTS OF BOTH COUNTRIES AND THE CAUSE OF PEACE. THEY VIEW WITH SATISFACTION THE WIDE-RANGING RELATIONSHIPS BETWEEN THE ISRAELI AND AMERICAN PEOPLE AND EXPRESSED CONFIDENCE THAT THEIR IMAGINATION AND ENERGIES WOULD CONTINUE TO BIND THE TWO NATIONS IN CLOSE FRIENDSHIP AND COOPERATION IN THE CAUSES OF PEACE AND PROGRESS.

"PRESIDENT NIXON REITERATED THE COMMITMENT OF THE UNITED STATES TO THE LONG-TERM SECURITY OF ISRAEL AND TO THE PRINCIPLE THAT EACH NATION HAS THE RIGHT TO EXIST AND TO PURSUE ITS OWN LEGITIMATE INTERESTS IN PEACE. PRIME MINISTER RABIN STATED THE SATISFACTION OF THE ISRAELI GOVERNMENT IN THE MILITARY SUPPLY RELATIONSHIP WHICH HAS SUSTAINED ISRAEL'S MILITARY STRENGTH. PRESIDENT NIXON REAFFIRMED THE ONGOING NATURE OF THIS RELATIONSHIP AND REITERATED HIS VIEW THAT ISRAEL'S ABILITY TO DEFEND ITSELF IS ESSENTIAL TO AVOIDING FURTHER HOSTILITIES AND TO MAINTAINING CONDITIONS CONDUCIVE TO PROGRESS TOWARD PEACE.

"PRESIDENT NIXON ALSO AFFIRMED THE STRONG CONTINUED SUPPORT OF THE UNITED STATES FOR ECONOMIC PROGRESS IN ISRAEL, AND PRIME MINISTER RABIN EXPRESSED THE GRATIFICATION OF ISRAEL FOR THE SUBSTANTIAL HELP WHICH THE UNITED STATES HAS PROVIDED, ESPECIALLY IN THE CURRENT YEAR. THE PRESIDENT AND PRIME MINISTER AGREED THAT FUTURE ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE FROM THE UNITED STATES WOULD

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CONTINUE AND WOULD BE, AS IN THE PAST, THE SUBJECT OF CONTINUING DISCUSSIONS BETWEEN THEIR GOVERNMENTS AS NEEDS ARE CLARIFIED, LEADING TO THE NECESSARY DECISIONS. IN THIS CONNECTION, THE PRESIDENT AFFIRMED THAT HE WOULD CONTINUE TO RECOMMEND TO THE CONGRESS ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE FOR ISRAEL AT LEVELS TO HELP ISRAEL OFFSET THE ADDITIONAL HEAVY COSTS INHERENT IN THE PROCESS OF MAKING AND MAINTAINING THE PEACE.

"IN ALL OF THESE MATTERS, THE PRESIDENT AND THE PRIME MINISTER TOOK NOTE OF THE EFFECTIVE WORKING RELATIONSHIP THAT EXISTS BETWEEN THEIR TWO GOVERNMENTS AT ALL LEVELS AND THE DEPTH OF THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE ECONOMIES OF THE TWO NATIONS. THEY REAFFIRMED THEIR CONVICTION THAT COOPERATION BETWEEN ISRAEL AND THE UNITED STATES WILL CONTINUE TO GROW AND BE STRENGTHENED THROUGH THE WIDE NUMBERS OF PEOPLE AND AREAS INVOLVED.

"IN THE SPIRIT OF CLOSE COOPERATION WHICH CHARACTERIZES THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN ISRAEL AND THE UNITED STATES, THE PRESIDENT AND THE PRIME MINISTER AGREED THAT THEIR TWO GOVERNMENTS WILL NEGOTIATE AN AGREEMENT ON COOPERATION IN THE FIELD OF NUCLEAR REACTORS AND FUEL FROM THE UNITED STATES UNDER AGREED SAFEGUARDS. IN THE MEANTIME, ISRAEL AND THE UNITED STATES WILL THIS MONTH REACH PROVISIONAL AGREEMENT FOR THE FURTHER SALE OF NUCLEAR FUEL TO ISRAEL.

"BOTH SIDES AGREED ON THE NECESSITY TO WORK ENERGETICALLY AND PROMOTE PEACE BETWEEN ISRAEL AND THE ARAB STATES. BOTH EMPHASIZED THAT A JUST AND LASTING PEACE IN ACCORDANCE WITH UNITED NATIONS SECURITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION 242 OF NOVEMBER 22, 1967, IS IMPORTANT TO THE NATIONAL INTERESTS OF ISRAEL AND THE UNITED STATES AS WELL AS TO THE FUTURE OF ALL THE PEOPLES IN THE MIDDLE EAST.

"TO THAT END, PRESIDENT NIXON PLEDGED THE CONTINUED ACTIVE INVOLVEMENT OF THE UNITED STATES IN PROMOTING THE NEGOTIATIONS CALLED FOR IN UNITED NATIONS SECURITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION 338 OF OCTOBER 22, 1973. PRIME MINISTER RABIN EXPRESSED THE APPRECIATION OF ISRAEL FOR THE UNDERSTANDING AND EFFECTIVE ROLE THE UNITED STATES HAS BEEN PLAYING AND COMMITTED ISRAEL TO CONTINUE TO PARTICIPATE CREATIVELY IN THE CONTINUING NEGOTIATIONS WITH A DETERMINATION TO ACHIEVE A PEACE WITH ITS  
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NEIGHBORS WHICH WILL PERMIT EACH NATION TO PURSUE ITS LEGITIMATE INTERESTS IN DIGNITY AND SECURITY.

"THE PRESIDENT WAS PARTICULARLY PLEASED AT THE OPPORTUNITY TO MEET WITH FORMER PRIME MINISTER GOLDA MEIR, WHOSE COURAGE, PATIENCE AND WISDOM HE GREATLY ADMIRES. THE PRESIDENT EXPRESSED HIS SATISFACTION IN THE CONSTRUCTIVE COOPERATION BETWEEN ISRAEL AND THE UNITED STATES UNDER PRIME MINISTER MEIR' LEADERSHIP IN CONCLUDING THE AGREEMENTS BETWEEN EGYPT AND ISRAEL AND BETWEEN ISRAEL AND SYRIA ON THE DISENGAGEMENT OF THEIR MILITARY FORCES.

"IN DEPARTING, PRESIDENT AND MRS. NIXON EXPRESSED THEIR DEEP APPRECIATION FOR THE WARM RECEPTION ACCORDED BY ISRAEL AND THEIR ADMIRATION FOR THE ACHIEVEMENTS OF THE ISRAELI PEOPLE. THE

PRIME MINISTER AND THE PRESIDENT AGREED THAT THE WARMTH OF THE  
RECEPTION REFLECTED THE LONG FRIENDSHIP BETWEEN ISRAEL  
AND THE UNITED STATES AND PLEDGED THEIR CONTINUED ENERGIES TO  
NURTURE AND STRENGTHEN THAT FRIENDSHIP." TO THIS END, THE PRESIDENT  
INVITED PRIME MINISTER RABIN TO PAY AN EARLY VISIT TO WASHINGTON."  
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